

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Group Art Unit: 2161  
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For: VIRTUAL DATA STORE :  
CREATION AND USE :  
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2007, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks, which are believed to place the above-identified patent application in condition for allowance or in better form for consideration on appeal.